



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Mark Z. Modesto, in amount of \$4,971.35
Ronald F. Pennywell, in amount of \$4,903.33
Roberto B. Cisneros, in amount of \$4,000
Gabriel Reyes, in amount of \$4,846.63
Vivian Gomez, in amount of \$3,287.50
Dong In Kim, in amount of \$8,333.33
Syhon Chambers, in amount of \$3,894
Susan Phu, in amount of \$10,000

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

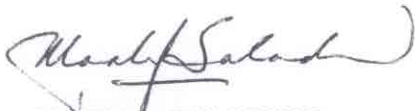
Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,



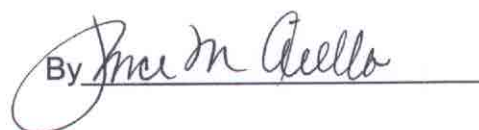
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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

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LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61A
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$30,410.00	Account Number	10697639
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Modesto, Mark Z.
Balance Due	\$30,410.00	Service Date	12/05/02 to 12/09/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,971.35	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$25,438.65	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Modesto was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$30,410.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,971.35	\$ 4,971.35	33.14%
Attorney Cost	85.93	85.93	.58%
County of Los Angeles	30,410.00	4,971.35	33.14%
Net to Client	N/A	4,971.37	33.14%
Total	\$35,467.28	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Modesto supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61B
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$182,197.00	Account Number	10726571
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Pennywell, Ronald F.
Balance Due	182,197.00	Service Date	12/11/02 to 02/14/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,903.33	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	\$177,293.67	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Pennywell was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$182,197.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,903.33	\$ 4,903.33	32.68%
Attorney Cost	290.00	290.00	1.96%
County of Los Angeles	182,197.00	4,903.33	32.68%
Net to Client	N/A	4,903.34	32.68%
Total	\$187,390.33	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Pennywell is unemployed and lives with his sister. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61C
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$44,913.00	Account Number	10673549
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Cisneros, Roberto B.
Balance Due	44,913.00	Service Date	09/07/02 to 09/10/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,000.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	\$40,913.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Cisneros was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$44,913.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,950.00	\$4,950.00	33.00%
Attorney Cost	601.95	601.95	4.01%
McCormick Ambulance	758.75	758.75	5.05%
Ramos Medical Associates	529.00	.00	.00%
Michael Duffin, M.D.	1,467.18	.00	.00%
Torrance Memorial Medical Center	2,804.10	.00	.00%
County of Los Angeles	44,913.00	4,000.00	26.68%
Net to Client	N/A	4,689.30	31.26%
Total	\$56,023.98	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Cisneros is employed and supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61D
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$24,076.00	Account Number	10708428
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Reyes, Gabriel
Balance Due	24,076.00	Service Date	09/15/02 to 09/17/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,846.63	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$19,229.37	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Reyes was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$24,076.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,846.63	\$ 4,846.63	32.31%
Attorney Cost	460.10	460.10	3.07%
County of Los Angeles	24,076.00	4,846.63	32.31%
Net to Client	N/A	4,846.64	32.31%
Total	\$29,382.73	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Reyes supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61E
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$22,752.00	Account Number	10666085
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Gomez, Vivian
Balance Due	22,752.00	Service Date	10/22/00 to 12/31/00
Compromise Amount Offered	3,287.50	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$19,464.50	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Gomez was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$22,752.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$10,500.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,150.00	30.00%
Attorney Cost	1,837.50	1,837.50	17.50%
County of Los Angeles	22,752.00	3,287.50	31.31%
Net to Client	N/A	2,225.00	21.19%
Total	\$28,789.50	\$10,500.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Gomez supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 31F
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$37,142.00	Account Number	10733968
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Kim, Dong In
Balance Due	37,142.00	Service Date	10/22/02 to 11/05/02
Compromise Amount Offered	8,333.33	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$28,808.67	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Kim was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$37,142.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 8,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	212.04	212.04	.86%
County of Los Angeles	37,142.00	8,333.33	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	8,121.30	32.48%
Total	\$45,687.37	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Kim supports himself and a family of two with a marginal income. He has no other income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61G
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$20,496.00	Account Number	10748573
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Chambers, Syhon
Balance Due	20,496.00	Service Date	02/24/03 to 07/30/03
Compromise Amount Offered	3,894.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$16,602.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Chambers was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$20,496.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	378.00	378.00	2.52%
Cedars-Sinai	5,937.04	1,106.00	7.37%
County of Los Angeles	20,496.00	3,894.00	25.97%
Net to Client	N/A	4,622.00	30.81%
Total	\$31,811.04	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Chambers supports himself with General Relief. He has no other income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 61H
DATE: March 4, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$143,596.00	Account Number	10690061
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Phu, Susan
Balance Due	143,596.00	Service Date	09/29/02 to 02/18/03
Compromise Amount Offered	10,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$133,596.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Phu was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$143,596.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$30,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$12,000.00	33.33%
County of Los Angeles	143,596.00	10,000.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	8,000.00	33.34%
Total	\$153,596.00	\$30,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Phu is unemployed and receives support from Social Security benefits. She has no other source income or tangible assets.